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Ms H Kemp
National Secretary
The New Zealand Home
Birth Association
PO Box 11-412
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Dear Ms Kemp

I have received a letter from your association concerning the New Zealand Nurses Association (NZNA) stance on home birth and midwifery training. As the majority of the letter is a comment on NZNA policy I suggest that you direct your criticisms to the NZNA.

There are also a number of references to the report of the Maternity Services Committee entitled "Mother and Baby at Home - The Early Days". As this report has not yet been published I assume the letter is referring to a draft of the report which I understand the association has obtained. The report is currently with the printer and will be released for public discussion when it is received from the printer.

I will then welcome submissions from all who wish to comment. I am not prepared to indulge in correspondence about the draft of a report which may or may not have been changed in final copy, when only one group of people have access to the draft.

Yours sincerely

(SIGNED) A.G. MALCOLM

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Minister of Health